



Battleground Rail Trail

Why a Battleground Rail Trail?

The Battleground Rail Trail is envisioned as a high quality alternative transportation facility and community amenity. Trail users will be able to safely walk or bicycle to Jaycee Park and Lake Brandt. The rail trail will roughly follow the former location of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks parallel to Battleground Avenue, beginning at Pisgah Church Road (where the Lake Brandt Greenway currently terminates) and ending near the Lawndale Crossing Shopping Center at Markland Avenue.

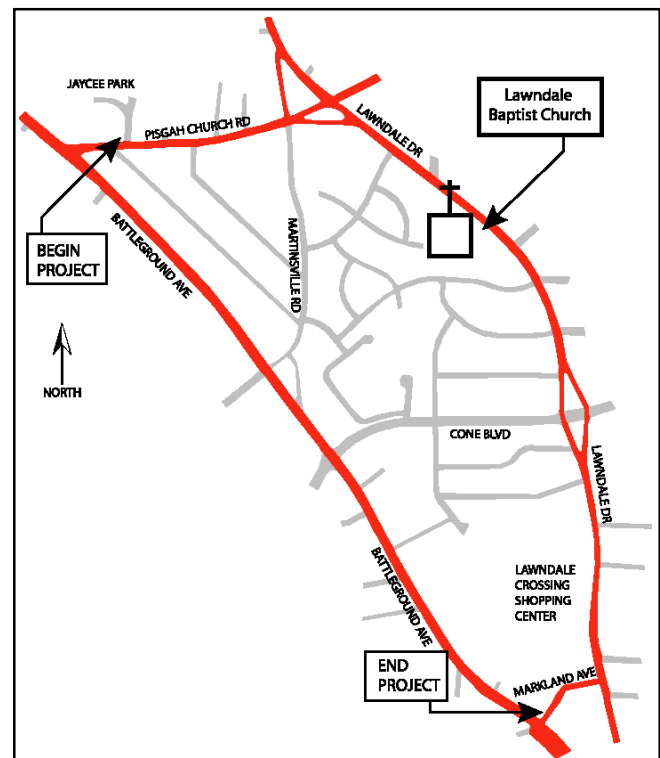
The trail will provide a safe and enjoyable option for bicyclists and pedestrians to access Greensboro businesses and amenities. The trail is a 1.1 mile piece of the Bicentennial Trail that will one day connect downtown Greensboro and High Point. This project is funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Greensboro.

Project Timeline

- 1984 - A vision is formulated for connecting the Triad Cities with a bike/pedestrian trail system.
- 1995 - Lake Brandt Greenway is built up to Pisgah Church Road.
- 1997 - The Battleground Rail Trail is adopted as a part of the 2017 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan.
- 1999 - A feasibility study for the Battleground Rail Trail is completed.
- 2000 - The citizens of Greensboro passed a \$73.75 million bond that included funding for the design and construction of the Battleground Rail Trail.
- 2002 - NCDOT approved matching funds for construction of the Battleground Rail Trail.
- 2002 - Design of the Battleground Rail Trail gets underway. This phase includes obtaining public input; determining a preferred alignment for the trail; surveying the corridor; designing the trail, road crossings, and trail

You Are Invited!

A public information meeting will feature the presentation of a preferred trail alignment for public review and comment. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at the Lawndale Baptist Church, located at 3505 Lawndale Drive from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. You may view project information informally from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. At 7:30pm, a brief presentation will be given, followed by a question-and-answer session.



The map above locates the June 25th meeting location and shows the Battleground Rail Trail starting point at the Lake Brandt Greenway at Pisgah Church Road and the ending point at Markland Avenue.

amenities; producing construction drawings, and negotiating property acquisition and easements.

- 2004 - Construction of the Battleground Rail Trail is expected to begin.
- 2004 - Battleground Rail Trail opens for public use!



The Battleground Rail Trail will connect to the Lake Brandt Greenway / Bicentennial Greenway that the above jogger is enjoying.



Maps, photographs, and drawings of the proposed Battleground Rail Trail were available for review and discussion at the May meetings.

Summary of Meetings

A series of meetings were held May 20th and 21st at the Lawndale Baptist Church to discuss the Battleground Rail Trail project. The meetings were well-attended by property owners and business owners with an interest in the projected trail alignment. The meetings included a presentation on the benefits of greenways, maps of proposed trail alignment options, and example drawings of what the trail might look like after construction. City of Greensboro staff members were available to answer questions. Departments represented included: the Greensboro Department of Transportation, Parks & Recreation, Planning, and Property Management.

Many people at the meeting voiced support or completed questionnaires that indicated approval for the trail to follow the former railroad corridor. It should be noted, however, that there was some concern regarding privacy, property values, and the process from this point forward.

Those in attendance were assured that the Battleground Rail Trail will be a high-quality trail facility when completed. Included in the construction budget are funds for attractive landscaping, board-on-board fencing where desired, relocation of outbuildings, and fair compensation for property in the corridor.

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